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For: METHOD FOR LASER-PROCESSING)	
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE)	

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Applicants cite documents herein that were cited in the counterpart Japanese Patent Application number 6-124172 by the Japanese Patent Office on May 11, 2004. Specifically, JP-62-243314; JP-02-037713; JP-03-286518; JP-06-097102; and JP-06-124913 were cited therein.

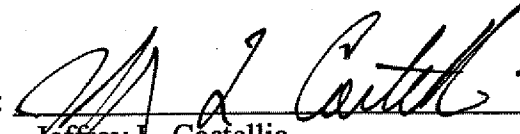
Further, EP-346987 is in the same family as JP-02-037713; and USP 6,440,785 is in the same family as JP-06-124913.

It is requested that the accompanying PTO-1449 be considered and made of record in the above-identified application. To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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